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1. REF. A SENT 3/16/77 EXPRESSED EXIMBANK'S CONCERN THAT THEN GOVERNOR SAMBWA HAD INDICATED BANQUE DU ZAIRE WOULD HENCEFORTH TRANSFER ALL AMOUNTS DUE UNDER PFA RATHER THAN SOZACOM. SAMBWA HAD GIVEN SIMILAR INDICATION TO IBRD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATIVE TO TRUST DEED UNDERLYING ITS FINANCING FOR GECAMINES P-2 PROJECT.

2. IBRD WAS KNOWN TO BE DISTURBED ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGE AND SO INFORMED BANQUE DU ZAIRE. ON 8/17/77 IBRD RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER DATED 7/29/77 FROM BANQUE DU ZAIRE TO SOZACOM STATING THAT SOZACOM WILL MAKE ALL FUTURE PAYMENTS UNDER TRUST DEED FROM ITS ACCOUNT AT BANQUE BELGOLAISE AND THAT THIS PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT WILL CONTINUE

UNTIL TRUST DEED EXPIRES. PAYMENTS UNDER IBRD TRUST NOW ON BASIS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED BEFORE GOVERNOR SAMBWA'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

- 3. IN RECENT MONTHS PAYMENTS TO MANUFACTURERS HANOVER UNDER PFA HAVE EMANATED FROM BANQUE DU ZAIRE RATHER THAN SOZACOM, ALTHOUGH LATTER IS STIPULATED IN CREDIT AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT FACILITY AGREEMENTS SIGNED AS OF 10/18/76. EXIMBANK NOT PREPARED TO AMEND AGREEMENTS AS DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT FOR INGA-SHABA OVERRUN FINANCING THROUGH SOZACOM CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BEFORE COPPER PROCEEDS FLOW TO BANQUE DU ZAIRE.
- 4. EXIMBANK REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY APPROACH BANQUE DU ZAIRE AND REQUEST IT PROVIDE SIMILAR PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION TO SOZACOM FOR AMOUNTS DUE UNDER PFA AS HAS BEEN DONE WITH RESPECT TO IBRD TRUST DEED. PLEASE OBTAIN COPY OF AUTHORIZATION AND POUCH TO JOHN LENTZ, LOAN OFFICER. IT IS ESSENTIAL OPERATION PFA BE SATISFACTORY IF DISBURSEMENTS TO CONTINUE UNDER EXISTING OVERRUN FINANCING AND ANY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO BE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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